TLE STEP AHEAD EACH 10,000 YEARS IS ABOUT ALL THE WORLD CAN STAND

HAVING decided to renew no whisky or beer adto promote the use of intexicants. The Herald has interests will not let it remain a social question;
vertising contracts after existing contracts have always stood for temperance and reason in all things, they have thrust it into politics, and in politics it is N HAVING decided to renew no whisky or beer adbeen fulfilled, and to accept no new contracts on this clars of business, the El Pane Herald is only conforming to what it believes to be the dominant scatiment in the southwest, and the dominant sentiment of its own readers. This conclusion has been reached without suggestion or request from outside the office. So far as we remember, only one person has ever saggested that The Herald might better represent prevailing sentiment if it should bar liquor advertising; that one person is a radical prohibitionist, and The Herald is now, and always has been, opposed, for a variety of consum it considers good, to state prohibition either by statute or constitutional amendment. But The Herald cannot blind itself to the fact that, at any rate outside of the city of El Paso itself, its entire circulation territary is strongly imbued with anti-liquer sentiment. This applies to west Texas, Arisons, New Mexico, and even Mexico (if we are to believe the published senti-ments of many of the leaders, who recognize the evil influences of excessive drinking).

While the El Paso Herald cannot support any state-

wide prohibition movement, and while The Herald does not discountenance a moderate use of alcoholic beverages under proper safeguards and regulations, designed to conserve health, public order, and public and private morals, nevertheless The Herald cannot fail to sense the tremendous significance of the movement that is fast spreading over the whole world, including our own

nation, looking toward a marked reduction in the con-sumption of alcoholic beverages by the people. While The Herald cannot subscribe to many of the doctrines of the militant prohibitionists, The Herald does not care to place itself in the position of seeming

and it does not look upon liquor as the sole curse of the race, or as the cause of all evil in the world. It does not regard total abstinence as necessary for persons of any stamina, and it has not been convinced that all use of sicohol is absolutely harmful. There are so many differences of opinion on this point among recognized experts, and there are so many other kinds of intemperance that have not been blacklisted, that have not even been frowned upon, and that seem to us to be almost or quite as harmful to the world's welfare as intemperance in the use of liquor, that The Herald has refused to be stampeded by growing prohibition sentiment, and has declined to give the anti-liquor cruside the dominant place in a general program of human betterment. In a word, The Herald is inclined to look upon intemperate use of liquor as more often the effect than the cause of social wrongs.

Furthermore, The Herald looks upon state prohibition sentiment as at least wrongly timed, in that so many forces, notably those of general education and general improvement in conditions of community living and public health and labor, are working "from below" to improve a situation admittedly evil, that it seems unnecessary to create a hostility to a rea-sonable program of betterment by invoking force where persuasion and reason are busily at work in the right

Many total abstainers are anti-prohibitionists, and very many moderate users of liquor are anti-prohibi-tionists, but few except the worst elements in a community are opposed to reasonable regulation and re-

The liquor interests themselves, from the producers to the last distributors, are responsible for having made the liquor question so largely a political question, instead of a social, ethical, and moral question which it normally is, and which it ought to remain. The liquor

they have thrust it into politics, and in politics it is likely to stay for a long time to come. Intemperance of any kind is wrong, but it should be classed as a crime or a misdemeanor only when it trespasses on others' rights or against public order. The trouble is, the liquor interests (excepting a minority), in this country at least, seem to have been unable to refrain from committing trespass against others' rights and against public order. The consequences are not hard

Even when national prohibition, through action by the states individually or by way of amending the constitution to be followed by the enacting of a na-tional statute, shall have become a fact—which it inevitably will become at no very distant day-if need not be thought by any one that "the devil is dead," or that the millennium has come. There will be almost as many wrongs to fight as before, and there will be almost as much intemperance as before, though of a somewhat different type. The Herald cannot assume, as so many of the radical prohibitionists do assume, that the total abstainer is necessarily a better man or a better citizen than the moderate drinker, or that all wisdom and virtue die with taking a drink of an alcoholic beverage. But, on the other hand, The Herald does not regard the use of alcoholic liquor as a beverage as in any sense a necessity in the world,

or of itself beneficial to any individual.

That even moderate indulgence in alcohol is bad for some persons; that youth is easily corrupted by the use of alcohol; that many persons find themselves unable to be temperate in its use and ought to be protected from themselves; and that political domination by liquor interests or any other special interests is intolerable and is properly rescated by the public; are propositions hardly admitting of any contest.

That there would be any ultimate loss to society or to the state if the manufacture, transportation, and sale

of distilled and fermented liquors containing above certain percentage of alcohol were prohibited, and such prohibition enforced, The Herald does not believe. On the contrary, there would be an economic gain, through the turning of expenditures and investments into more profitable channels. That national prohibition in some form is coming

within this generation, may be regarded as certain. That state prohibition in the absence of national prohibition can accomplish what its ardent advocates claim for it. The Heraid cannot persuade itself. The Heraid is opposed to state prohibition even more as a matter of policy than upon principle. It holds, for the present at least, to local option with strict regulation and rigid enforcement of restrictive law, as the more practical way to combat the evils that the liquor in-

crests themselves have made inseparable from the

liquor traffic. The traffic has been made by the liquor interests a political and public question. The matter of personal indulgence is rather a social, ethical, and moral question, and this phase of the question, in one form or another, would have to be lought over if there were another, would have to be longht over it there were
no political question; and it will remain to be fought
over even after the political question is disposed of.
An intemperate man or woman will be intemperate in
some way or ways, possibly just as harmful ways, even
if there be no alcoholic liquer in sight to feel intemperance. Other forms of intemperate indulgence will
be found and utilized, and it is folly to imagine that
the world is to be raide over in a day or a conception

the world is to be made over in a day or a generation through any one radical expedient.

That it is no part of the duty of a daily newspaper to promote the use of alcoholic beverages. The Herald is convinced; and it is in response to what it conceives to be a public wish, though hitherto unexpressed, that The Herald declines to be a party to such promotion, even by remote implication, after the expiration of existing contracts covering this class of business.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

All is not gold that glitters, but the glitter seems get by all right. Philadelphia Telegraph.

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"Rearty is more than skih deep," if the paint and powder are measured.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

A man may be strictly temperate and yet be an altogether undesirable citizen.—New York World.

By war of proof that she has nothing but the most friendly intentions toward China, Japan is sending rapped troops to that country.—Houston Chronicle.

Except as a theme for international controversy, international law has ceased to exist.—Those (Ariz.) San.

Confidence in the situation appears to be about the only thing necessary at this time to bring the former prosperity back to the mining industry at the southwest.—Globe (Aris.) Leader.

west.—Gobe (Arie) Leader.

One Veracrus should have been enough. But it appears that we are going to repeat. Let us hope, more effectively. Make it on to Maxico City, and have done with the monkey luminers.—Hobse Lária.) Ore.

Given equality good trains and time between two points on parallel rouds and the traveling nublic will assuredly patrolize the roud that treats it with the most consideration and politeness.—San Antonio (Tex.) Light.

The crack in the Liberty bell at Philadelphi (ing them and widening. It is thought that the jar Hilly Sunday gave the Quaker City may have had something to do with it.—Albuquerque (N. M.) Journal.

The club women of New York modification.

The club women of New York modestly suggest that the city build them a big hall to hold their national convention in next year. What do they take New York for—a Denver or a San Francisco!—Tucson (Arix.) Star.

(Arin.) Star.

When vice president Marshall receives the honor of chief anischip in the Stoux nation, upon motion of chief Eagle Eye, he will be called "Bur Star," save on the Chantanean circuit, where the scoretary of state has that title copyrighted.—Young (Arin.) Sun.

The Dardanelles Have For Centuries Kept the Letters to The Herald. Russians From Sailing In With Other Powers standard of the witter, but the name will be withheld it requested.]

ral—first broke into literature the Red size and the Mediterranean were about all the bodies of water which had resilved preminent mention. The English channel had never been beard of the North hea was full of worse monsters than forpoide boats for all the world knew, and even the Atlantin social has not yet got into the press reports. Nerses crossed the Dardanieller 2009 rears ago on a bridge of boats, thanking his lucky stars that there were no submarines on the job and the first swimmling match in history accurred on this strait when Lander swam the iellespont and dodged four dors and mine armed relainers to spend an evening with his last lors.

The Bardanelles is a narrow strait 4 mites long. It is part of the connecting waters between the Black nearm the Mediterranear and it has in literature. For centuries it has in literature. For centuries it has in literature. For centuries it has in literature.

14 Years Ago Today ==



From The Herald This Date 1901.

Mission has passed a resolution thanking Mrs. B. F. Hammett for her work in having Rev. Sam P. Jones deliver a lecture here.

B. F. Buchar, the new superintendent of the Calinuahua division of the Mexican Central, who was appointed to aucceed George J. Hartman, arrived here yesterday ad has assumed his new dutles.

it is certain that the Pheips-Dodge city from the Pecos off fields.

Sumpany proposes doing many things for El Paro and plans are fast materializing. The company will soon tegin the arection of a large office building, which will be five stories in height and will be occupied by the general offices of the company. It is also stated that the company will submit to the city council at an early date a portion asking for a right of way through the city not far from the present S. P. right of way.

Electron as included the five stories in height and the company will submit to the city council at an early date a portion of way.

P. Referent has returned to the city from a big with friends at Sanderpon William Harrell, an extensive cattle raiser of Amarillo, is in the city from the Pecos off fields.

B. E. Jones has gone to Arkanssa, where he will visit his parents.

S. H. Wells and will returned to the city from a bigsiness trap in east Toxis.

P. Referent has returned to the city from a bigsiness cat Sanderpon and the city and the cit yesterday ad has assumed his new duties.

U. Stewart, chairman of the ways and means committee of the chamber of commerce, has received many reports from civic organizations on the value of Sccuring conventions in the balleting.

There was but little activity at the polls this morning. Lack of opposition kept the vote down, but it is expected to be about the sverage when the final results are in. The fight for various appointing offices still continues with Charles Davis jr, a candidate for the chief of polices office. Other candidates are Frank Carr, Jesse Payne and Capt. J. F. White. business
P. N. Rana has been granted a permit to build two \$1460 residences in the Morehead addition.
Bids for the building of the new high school on Arisons Street will be opened by the school bourd on April 22.

More Truth Than Poetry By JAMES J. MONTAGUE.

As the Efter's Commander Thinks. Better keep five of six of the sne-my's ships busy waiting for you than sinking you.

How About the Others?
The New Jersey law permits women voters to go to the polls after admitting that they are over 21. This will be satisfactory to all women under 25.

Anthony J. Drexel and Mrs. Leeds, we read, changed from the Lusitania to the New York because they wanted the protection of the American flas. But judging by the Lusitania's past performances they could have had this protection without troubling to change ships.

Merely Differing Standards.

A play that was closed by the authorities in Boston has failed to shock New York. But possibly it was the grammar in it that offended the Hub.

The Old, Old Sjory.

The asparagus was springing through the sod, the birds were singing and the mild, warm winds were flinging vernal incense to the air. Spring, we said, with her caressing, kindly, joyous, sumy blessing has arrove, and thosy goeshing we put on gauze underwear.

Then from somewhere in Aluska, Labrador or Athabasea, us, perhaps, nortawest Nebraska, with a wild, demonstace wall came careering and zampaging a cyclonic breeze presaring the arrival of a raging snow disseminating gate.

Ever thus this blackguard season has beguited our weaking reason and with subtle steaking treason sung its promise in our ear. But a singed child fears the fire, and henceforth we'll not require to be told that Spring's a liar—anyway, until next year.

The Daily Novelette THE ETERNAL PEM.

coquettishly to the throne in the audience chamber. (See Sin Teetle's "Elizabethan Dances"). She was about to grant her morning andi-

Beastly bore, she complained.
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"Well Primey, who's there? We'll let importance." mportainte."
"A goodly and right noble assembage, your highness," replied the prime
minister, "of which the most august
tre air Waiter Raleigh, Will Shahssere, lord Harry McSwatters, ford Leicaster, her highness duchess of Spiff,
tind Francis Bacon." And, your highmess, a man has somehow salmed admittance whom I craw permission to
give the book to tSee Al Saidste's
"Court Conversation". He is a low

churl who says he has a freckle eradi-cator to submit to your highness."
"Tish-hab" Ho-bo!" cried the queen in high excitement. Give him not the n high excitement. Give him not the

rest can wait!"
"But, your highness..."
"Quick! Go to! Odds boddikins!
Prithes! Forsooth."
Upon which the luss fellow was abown in with his freckle eradicator, which, while the ittled and gifted callers cooled their heals in the ante chamber, be demonstrated for the next two hours and a n uarter. And the under nurchased 200 bottles.

Hon. e-Editur Gale Fluhart addressed the Retail Grocers' association has night on "Trustin' th' People." Rev. Wiley Tanger says women are too advanced at one end an' too hobbied at th' other.

Trying Out 16 Grasses To Secure the Best One For El Paso: Hipts On Rose and Tree Planting



Letters to The Herald. All commentations must have the will be whether it received it is a construction of the property of the proper

New York, April 8.—In the investigation into the efforts of various persons to obtain and sell to foreign governments the 320,000 old Krag rifles stored by the United States government in the various arsenals since the new type of Springfield rife was adopted by the army, Mrs. Selma Lewis has come forth with the admission that she had several well prepared plans on foot to turn over the entire lot of weapons to one of the allies if she could purchase them

It is said that \$30 each could be realized on the rifles now, whereas in secon time they command about \$3 each.

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George Mack has left for the west on a brief vacation. Edward Zeiger has gone to Albuquerque on a business trip. Fred H. Pitz, a mining man of Las Cruces, is here on a visit. El Lepuch left yesterday on a business trip to Santa Rosalis. Mex. W. E. Stevens, of Seattle, is visiting in the city with T. R. Jones. Thomas C'Keeffe has returned to the JAMES P. CHAPIN BACK FROM WILDS OF AFRICA



JAMES & CHAPIN AND PIGMY.

New York, April 8.—James P. Chapin of the Museum of Natural History's Congo expedition has arrived back in New York after buring spent six years in the wilds of Africa. Despite rumors in the last two or three years that members of the exposition had been killed or died of disease, he esports they all enjoyed the best of health and success, having obtained more than 20,000 specimens. They hagged three chapi, the especial objects of their search. He spent some time in the pigmy country of Belgian Africa, and asserted the little people argreat hunters of caterpillars and white units,

At the Dentist's

T F YOU would see all kinds of woe, all standard brands of fear and gloom, just visit, for an hour or so, the painless dentist's waiting room. How tragic are the faces there, how poignant are the deep-drawn sighs! And you may see the heart's despair look bleakly forth from shrinking eyes. There heroes wilt and mop their brows, and mightly captains walk the floor, and frame a lot of plaus yows to seek the dentiat's shop no more. A Cromwell, in the dentiat's lair, looks not like one who could command; he wrings the moisture from his hair with quivering and nervous hand. And there, Napoleon, too, I think, would look absurdly cheap and small; and he would in the shadow almk, and wish he hadn't come at all. The gorgeous beauty of the stage, whom men adore, the old, old way, when at the dentist's looks her age, and that's the worst a man can say. Men drop their masks and cease to pose when in the waiting room so drear, and murmur, as each victim goes, "My turn is next, I sadly fear!" WALT MASON. (Copyright by George M. Adama)